

City of Asheville
2008/2009 Proposed Fees & Charges

DEPARTMENT: General Administration-Economic Development

SERVICE NAME: Property Sale/Air Rights Transaction Fee

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: This fee would recover the staff costs only for time spent on the disposition of air rights, surplus property sales and air rights sales. It is estimated that staff costs alone are \$170 per request.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:

Personnel Services- Direct	\$1,700
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$300
Capital Costs	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$50

TOTAL: \$2,050

REQUESTS: 10

COST/REQUEST: \$205

CURRENT FEE: None

REQUESTED FEE: \$170 per request

Revenue Gain	\$1,700
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DEPARTMENT: Building Safety

SERVICE NAME: Combination Permit

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: State Code requires a permit for any electrical, plumbing, HVAC, or gas replacement. When a homeowner needs a water heater, heat pump, furnace, and other items replaced, a permit is required for each item. Each permit is \$75. The proposed fee would be \$100 total for all permits if one of the following situations applies:

- 1) One appropriately licensed contractor applies for all permits at one time
- 2) The applicant is able to list all appropriately licensed contractors at the time of the application

By allowing one applicant to request all inspections, the work load on the Inspectors would be reduced. If multiple contractors are involved and cannot be listed at the time of application, the \$75 per permit will apply.

FEE ANALYSIS:	CURRENT FEES:	PROPOSED FEES:
Combination Permit	\$75 per trade	\$100 Combination when one appropriately licensed contractor is applicant or applicant lists all appropriately licensed contractors for change out.
Revenue Gain:		\$0

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DEPARTMENT: Building Safety

SERVICE NAME: 50% Rebate for 65 year old and older homeowners for change outs

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: State Code requires a permit for any electrical, plumbing, HVAC, or gas replacement. When a homeowner needs a water heater, heat pump, furnace, and other items replaced, a permit is for each item. Each permit is \$75. The proposed rebate would apply to qualified homeowners 65 years old and older who request the rebate at the time of the application for change out. Building Safety staff assumes 50% of qualified homeowners will request the rebate.

FEE ANALYSIS:	CURRENT FEES:	PROPOSED FEES:
50% Rebate for 65 year old and older homeowners for change outs	\$75 per trade	50% rebate if qualified homeowner requests it.
Estimated Revenue Loss:		(\$4,850)

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DEPARTMENT: Building Safety

SERVICE NAME: Building Permits-Single Family New Construction, additions, renovations, and remodels (each unit)

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: This building permit fee is for the plan review and the building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and gas permits associated with all new residential construction. It is also for all remodels and renovations. Each permit has multiple inspections that are included in the fee. Compared to other permit fees, this one is low. With the proposed increase, the permit fees will still be lower than Henderson County and Madison County but higher than Buncombe and McDowell Counties.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:

Personnel Services- Direct	\$215,519
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$56,366
Capital Costs	\$9,947
Indirect Costs	\$49,735

TOTAL: \$331,567

PERMITS PER YEAR: 500

COST/PERMIT: \$663

CURRENT FEE:

Up to 1,000 Square Feet	\$250
1,001 to 1,500 Square Feet	\$350
1,501 Square Feet and above	\$350 + \$.30 per sq. ft. over 1,500 sq. ft.

PROPOSED FEE:

Up to 1,000 Square Feet	\$300
1,001 to 1,500 Square Feet	\$450
1,501 Square Feet and above	\$450 + \$.30 per sq. ft. over 1,500 sq. ft.

Revenue Gain	\$50,000
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DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Engineering

SERVICE NAME: Inspection-Street Cut

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Currently, applicants for street cut permits pay a fee based on the size of the street cut. The proposed fee structure would allow an applicant that plans to overlay the full width and full block of the street that has been cut to pay \$50 for the permit regardless of the size of the street cut. A full width and full block overlay of the street provides an improved roadway and a cost savings to the City. The \$50 minimum would also insure that the applicant applies for the permit and that the City has the ability to inspect the work.

FEE ANALYSIS:	CURRENT FEES:	PROPOSED FEES:
Permit Fees:		
Minimum	\$50 < 25 SF	\$50 regardless of size of cut
Normal Fee	\$2.00/SF	if applicant is providing full
Maximum	\$2,500	width/full block overlay
Revenue Gain:		\$0 - The overlay provided by the applicant should defer the City's need to overlay the road.

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DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Engineering

SERVICE NAME: Reinspections for Street Cut Warrantees

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The fee structure includes a \$50 fee for each reinspection; however it does not specify a fee for reinspections for warrantees. This request is to expand the definition to cover additional reinspections for warrantees.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:	
Personnel Services- Direct	\$495
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$129
Capital Costs	\$23
Indirect Costs	\$114
TOTAL:	\$762
REINSPECTIONS:	20
COST/REINSPECTION:	\$38
CURRENT FEE:	None
PROPOSED FEE:	\$50
Revenue Gain	\$1,000

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DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Engineering

SERVICE NAME: Temporary Street/Lane/Sidewalk Closure Permit Fee

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: This fee is assessed when requests are made for temporary closures of streets, lanes, or sidewalks. The current range of the permit fee makes it difficult to assess this fee. The proposed fee structure will simplify this process.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:	
Personnel Services- Direct	\$23,806
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$6,226
Capital Costs	\$1,099
Indirect Costs	\$5,494
TOTAL:	\$36,624
PERMITS	300
COST PER PERMIT	\$122
CURRENT FEE:	\$25-\$100 per permit
PROPOSED FEE:	
30 days or less	\$50
Greater than 30 days	\$100
Revenue Gain	\$0

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DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Engineering

SERVICE NAME: Temp. Street/Lane/Sidewalk Closure Violations & Fines

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The proposed request is to increase the fines for closing streets and sidewalks without a permit. Also, there is currently no fine for violating the terms of a street, lane, or sidewalk closure agreement. Closing a street without an approved traffic control plan or violating the terms of the closure agreement can be very dangerous, so the goal is that the fee would discourage this action.

FEE ANALYSIS:

Cost Analysis: Depending on the type of violation, staff from Fire, Police, Building Safety, and/or Transportation & Engineering can be involved. Some violations require site visits, and along with follow up and other communication, the process can last for multiple days. Therefore, the cost per violation can vary.

Closure W/O a Permit:

	CURRENT FINE:	PROPOSED FINE:
1 st violation (10 per year)	Warning	\$500 + permit fee
2 nd violation (2 per year)	\$100 + permit fee	\$1,000 + permit fee
Additional violations (NA)	None	Additional \$500 per violation

Violation of Closure Agreement:

1 st violation (10 per year)	None	\$0 - \$500
2 nd violation	None	\$500 - \$1,000
Additional violations	None	Revoke Permit

Revenue Gain	\$7,450-\$12,000
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DEPARTMENT: Fire & Rescue

SERVICE NAME: Inspection & Hourly Service Fees

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: As in previous years, all inspection fees are adjusted to reflect increases in the cost of providing services. Staff also looked at actual facility types and found we were not effectively recovering our manpower costs for larger apartment complexes or the large hotels with the current fees. There was too large a spread on the fee range. The room numbers and building breakdowns were then scaled to match our other occupancy type fees that use square footage, so we would have a similar fee range for all occupancy types.

The hourly service fees, which were approved last year for the usage of fire personnel and equipment, are also adjusted to continue to recover the costs of providing this service. Examples of when the fee is charged include: Non co-sponsored special events standby, medical standby, fireworks display standby, deployment of resources to emergencies in North Carolina, etc.

FEE ANALYSIS:	CURRENT FEES:	PROPOSED FEES:
Inspection Fees	See Attachment A	See Attachment A
Number of Annual Inspections	4,000	
Revenue Gain:	\$7,290	

FEE ANALYSIS:	CURRENT FEES:	PROPOSED FEES:
Hourly Service Fees	See Attachment A	See Attachment A
Number of Annual Customers	15-20	
Revenue Gain:	\$6,000	

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DEPARTMENT: Information Technology Services

SERVICE NAME: Hardcopy Map Production

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The proposed fee would be for the production of paper maps for citizens or other external groups. The production of these maps requires the use of GIS data from the citywide GIS system. This fee would be for cost recovery.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:	
Personnel Services- Direct	\$482
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$126
Capital Costs	\$22
Indirect Costs	\$111
TOTAL:	\$742
MAPS REQUESTED PER YEAR:	5
COST PER MAP:	\$148
CURRENT FEE:	None
PROPOSED FEE:	
Copies of Standard Maps:	
3' x 4' Color	\$25.00
3' x 4' Black & White	\$6.00
18" x 24" Color	\$20.00
18" x 24" Black & White	\$5.00
11" x 17" Color	\$10.00
11" x 17" Black & White	\$4.00
Custom Maps	Same fee as copies of standard maps + \$30/hour for labor
Revenue Gain	\$50

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DEPARTMENT: Planning

SERVICE NAME: Sign Permits

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: A sign permit is comprised of (as needed) zoning, building and safety, and electric permits. The proposed fee is for the zoning permit portion and covers a variety of sign styles and uses. The current sign fee structure has been confusing and difficult to calculate. The new structure would make the fee easier to understand and calculate.

The proposed changes to the sign refacing fee more accurately reflects permit processing time, and the proposed fee for A-Frame signs, which are temporary signage, is more in line with the temporary sign fee.

TOTAL MONTHLY COST:

Personnel Services- Direct	\$65,161
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$17,042
Capital Costs	\$3,007
Indirect Costs	\$15,037

TOTAL: \$100,247

NUMBER OF SIGNS PER YEAR: 572

COST PER SIGN: \$175

CURRENT FEE:

New Signs up to 50 sq. ft.	\$75
51 sq. ft. to 125 sq. ft.	\$150
126 sq. ft. and larger	\$300

Sign refacing Same fee structure as new signs

A-Frame signs \$10

PROPOSED FEE:

New Signs up to 50 sq. ft.	\$1.50 per sq. ft. (\$50 minimum)
51 sq. ft. to 125 sq. ft.	
126 sq. ft. and larger	

Sign refacing \$50 flat fee (all sizes)

A-Frame signs \$25

Revenue Effect \$4,293

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SERVICE NAME: Bulk Goods Pickup

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: This fee was originally designed for the collection of bulky waste items that will not fit into the resident's roll cart. When the fee was first implemented, it was discovered that charging fees was counter-productive because of the following reasons: 1) Fewer calls for service because residents were not willing to pay for service; 2) Increased illegal dumping; and, 3) Higher labor/equipment cost to clean up nuisance sites. The current fee was reduced from \$25 to \$10 per item in 1997; however, a system for the administration and collection of the nominal fee was never implemented. Staff proposes to eliminate this fee and benchmark, research and seek customer feedback regarding customary fees (for such services), tip fees, and potential for increased illegal dumping in the next year. Depending on findings, a new fee schedule could then be presented next year.

TOTAL MONTHLY COST:

Personnel Services- Direct	\$26,103
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$6,827
Capital Costs	\$1,205
Indirect Costs	\$6,024

TOTAL: \$40,159

BULKY ITEMS PER MONTH 313

COST PER PICKUP \$128

CURRENT FEE:

1-3 Items	\$10
Additional Items	\$10

PROPOSED FEE:

1-3 Items	\$0
Additional Items	\$0

Revenue Effect \$0

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SERVICE NAME: Encroachment Agreements

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The proposed fee would be charged when a citizen or business requests an encroachment from the City. The purpose of an encroachment agreement is to ensure that the requestor provides an accurate drawing of the item that is projecting on the City maintained right-of-way and provides liability insurance naming the City of Asheville as an additional insured. These agreements require staff time from Public Works and Legal Services Departmental staff.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:	
Personnel Services- Direct	\$1,379
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$361
Capital Costs	\$64
Indirect Costs	\$318
TOTAL:	\$2,122
ANNUAL REQUESTS:	3.5
COST PER REQUEST:	\$606
CURRENT FEE:	None
PROPOSED FEE:	\$200 per request
Revenue Gain	\$700

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SERVICE NAME: Curbside Recycling Fees

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The proposed fee increase would be to return the bi-weekly curbside recycling program to 100% full cost recovery.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

Personnel Services- Direct	\$0
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$724,390
Capital Costs	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$25,101

TOTAL: \$749,491

Curbside Collections Points	26,204
Cost per Household per Month	\$2.38

CURRENT FEE: \$1.315/household/month

PROPOSED FEE: \$2.38/household/month

Revenue Gain	\$337,040
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DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SERVICE NAME: Street Closings

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The street closings fee is charged when a citizen requests that the City close a street. These requests usually occur when an unopened right-of-way is adjacent to property proposed for development. These requests involve Public Works, Legal Services, and City Clerk staff time. In FY 2006-07, the fee for quit claim deed processing was set at \$4,000. Quit claim deed processing involves the same procedures and staff time as street closing requests. The proposed fee is therefore \$4,000.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:	
Personnel Services- Direct	\$32,718
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$8,557
Capital Costs	\$1,510
Indirect Costs	\$7,550
TOTAL:	\$50,335
ANNUAL REQUESTS:	3.5
COST PER REQUEST:	\$14,381
CURRENT FEE:	\$2,500
REQUESTED FEE:	\$4,000
Revenue Gain	\$5,250

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SERVICE NAME: Trash Container Fee-Festivals (non-co-sponsored)

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Public Works provides trash containers and collection to festivals upon request. This service includes delivery of trash containers, collection of trash containers after the event, and disposal of trash generated by the event. There has been an increase in requests for this service, and the proposed fee would be to partially offset costs related to the increase.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:

Personnel Services- Direct	\$492
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$129
Capital Costs	\$23
Indirect Costs	\$114

TOTAL: \$758

CONTAINERS PER YEAR: 8

COST PER CONTAINER PER EVENT: \$95

CURRENT FEE: None

PROPOSED FEE: \$10 per container per event

Revenue Gain \$80

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DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs/Festivals Fund

SERVICE NAME: Local Vendor Fee for WNC Artists at Bele Chere

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Artists are currently charged \$300 for booth rentals at the Bele Chere Festival. Per City Council's direction, the artist vendor fee for Bele Chere is being reduced to \$250 for Western North Carolina artists to recruit additional local artists to the festival.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:

FY2006-07 Total Bele Chere Expenditures* \$932,140

FY2006-07 Total Bele Chere Revenues \$801,540

FY 2006-07 REVENUE (UNDER) EXP. (\$130,600)

WNC ARTISTS AT BELE CHERE: 30

CURRENT FEE: \$300

PROPOSED FEE: \$250

Revenue Loss (\$1,500)

* Does not include administrative costs of approximately \$197,000.

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DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs/Festivals Fund

SERVICE NAME: Retail Beer Sales for Bele Chere

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The single beer fee for beers at the Bele Chere Festival has not increased in over 5 years. The proposed increase is \$1.00 per beer, which is comparable to other large musical festivals and sporting events that receive premium price for their alcohol sales.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

FY2006-07 Total Bele Chere Expenditures*	\$932,140
FY2006-07 Total Bele Chere Revenues	\$801,540

FY 2006-07 REVENUE (UNDER) EXP.	(\$130,600)
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Beers Sold per Year	53,560
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CURRENT FEE:	\$3.00 per beer
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PROPOSED FEE:	\$4.00 per beer
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Revenue Gain	\$53,560
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* Does not include administrative costs of approximately \$197,000.

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DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs/Festivals Fund

SERVICE NAME: Shuttle Service for Bele Chere

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The per person shuttle service fee for the Bele Chere Festival has not increased in 8 years. After the 2007 Festival, the former Transit Director recommended raising the fee to cover increased fuel costs. The proposed increase is \$1.00 per round trip for festival goers that purchase a shuttle pass.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:

FY2006-07 Total Bele Chere Expenditures*	\$932,140
FY2006-07 Total Bele Chere Revenues	\$801,540

FY 2006-07 REVENUE (UNDER) EXP. **(\$130,600)**

CURRENT FEE: \$2.00

PROPOSED FEE: \$3.00

Revenue Gain \$8,416

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DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs/Festivals Fund

SERVICE NAME: Film Ticket Cost for Asheville Film Festival

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The fee per person for film tickets at the Asheville Film Festival has not increased in 4 years. The proposed fee increase is \$1.00 per individual film ticket, which will keep us on target with other regional and national film festival ticket prices.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

FY2006-07 Total Film Festival Expenditures*	\$94,530
FY2006-07 Total Film Festival Revenues	\$68,589

FY 2006-07 REVENUE (UNDER) EXP.	(\$25,941)
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CURRENT FEE:

Advance	\$7
At Festival	\$8

PROPOSED FEE:

Advance	\$8
At Festival	\$9

Revenue Gain	\$4,000
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* Does not include administrative costs of approximately \$20,000.

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DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs/Golf Fund

SERVICE NAME: Senior Fees: Passholder, Weekday Passholder, & Family

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The annual senior passholder and senior family passholder fees are charged to anyone 62 years of age or over and covers green fees for the entire year. The proposed fee increase would maintain competitive pricing while assisting in the Golf Course goal of breaking even with revenues and expenditures. The proposed new senior weekday passholder fee would be charged to anyone 62 years of age or over and would cover green fees for the entire year for play on weekdays only. Weekends and holidays are excluded from this pass.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:

FY2006-07 Total Golf Fund Expenditures	\$953,619
FY2006-07 Total Golf Fund Revenues	\$894,037

FY 2006-07 REVENUE (UNDER) EXP.	(\$57,367)
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FEE ANALYSIS:	CURRENT FEE:	PROPOSED FEE:
Senior Passholder Fee		
Full Year		
City Residents	\$600	\$800
Non-City Residents	\$700	\$900
½ Year		
City Residents	\$300	\$400
Non-City Residents	\$350	\$450
Senior Family Passholder		
Full Year		
City Residents	\$800	\$1,000
Non-City Residents	\$900	\$1,100
½ Year		
City Residents	\$400	\$500
Non-City Residents	\$450	\$550
Senior Weekday Passholder Fee		
Full Year		
City Residents	None	\$600
Non-City Residents	None	\$800
½ Year		
City Residents	None	\$300
Non-City Residents	None	\$400
Revenue Gain		\$10,000

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DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs/Golf Fund

SERVICE NAME: Individual & Family Passholder Fees

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The individual passholder fee is charged to individuals and covers green fees for the entire year. The family passholder fee is charged to families and covers green fees for the entire year. The proposed fee increase would maintain competitive pricing while assisting in the Golf Course goal of breaking even with revenues and expenditures.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:

FY2006-07 Total Golf Fund Expenditures	\$953,619
FY2006-07 Total Golf Fund Revenues	\$894,037

FY 2006-07 REVENUE (UNDER) EXP.	(\$57,367)
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FEE ANALYSIS:	CURRENT FEE:	PROPOSED FEE:
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Individual Passholder Fee

Full Year

City Residents	\$700	\$900
Non-City Residents	\$800	\$1,000

½ Year

City Residents	\$350	\$450
Non-City Residents	\$400	\$500

Family Passholder Fee

Full Year

City Residents	\$900	\$1,100
Non-City Residents	\$1,000	\$1,200

½ Year

City Residents	\$450	\$550
Non-City Residents	\$500	\$600

Revenue Gain	\$16,000
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DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Engineering/Parking Fund

SERVICE NAME: Parking Garages

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Currently, the maximum fee for parking all day (10:00 am to 7:00 pm) on weekdays at the Civic Center garage is \$4, and \$6 at the Rankin and Wall Street garages. From 7:00 pm to 10:00 am on weekdays and all day on weekends, the fee is \$1 paid upon exit at the Civic Center and Rankin garages, and \$2 at the Wall Street garage. Because of this fee structure, approximately half of the people who park all day wait until 7:00 pm to leave on weekdays and in order to avoid the all day fee. New equipment scheduled for FY 09 will allow the charging of actual rates after hours and on weekends and provide credit/debit card payment capabilities. Staff is proposing to adjust the maximum all day parking rate at all garages to \$8.

Also, staff is proposing to increase the monthly parking rate for Vanderbilt Apartments from \$30 to \$35.

FEE ANALYSIS:	CURRENT FEES:	PROPOSED FEES:
Civic Center Garage	\$4 maximum all day	\$8 maximum all day
Rankin Avenue Garage	\$6 maximum all day	\$8 maximum all day
Wall Street Garage	\$6 maximum all day	\$8 maximum all day
Revenue Gain		\$228,811
Vanderbilt Apartments	\$30 monthly rate	\$35 monthly rate
Revenue Gain		\$780

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DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Engineering/Parking Fund

SERVICE NAME: Time Restricted Parking

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Staff is proposing an increase in the cost of using a parking meter space for an entire day in order to discourage this activity. The current fee is \$10 per day per space, and the proposed fee is \$15 per day per space.

Also, there is currently no fine for blocking a meter without a permit. Approximately 2 meters are blocked illegally each week. The proposed fine would be to discourage this activity.

FEE ANALYSIS:

Daily Use of Parking Meter:

CURRENT FEE: \$10 per day per space

REQUESTED FEE: \$15 per day per space

Revenue Gain \$12,060

Blocking Parking Meter without Permit:

CURRENT FINE: None

REQUESTED FINE: \$50/metered space + \$15/day/space

Revenue Gain \$6,500

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DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Engineering/Stormwater Fund

SERVICE NAME: Grading Permit

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The fee for this permit is intended to cover the costs of plan review and inspections for the period of one year. Currently, there is no way to recapture the costs beyond one year. The proposed fee would apply to projects that exceed the 12 month period. An additional benefit for charging this fee would be motivating developers to complete their projects within the first 12 months.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST:

Personnel Services- Direct	\$1,729
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$452
Capital Costs	\$80
Indirect Costs	\$399

TOTAL: \$2,660

TRANSACTIONS EXCEEDING 12 MONTHS: 20

COST/TRANSACTION EXCEEDING 12 MONTHS: \$133

CURRENT FEE: None past 12 month period

PROPOSED FEE: \$150 per project per month exceeding 12 months

Revenue Gain	\$3,600
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*Assumption: 100% compliance after 1st month of new charge

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DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Engineering/Stormwater Fund

SERVICE NAME: Stormwater Permit & Annual Inspection Fee

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The Stormwater and Erosion Control Ordinance was revised in August 2007. As required by State Law, we are required to install water quality measures in addition to water quantity controls. This new requirement is estimated to take an average of 2 additional hours of plan review time. It is estimated that the annual inspection will result in 1.5 additional hours for construction inspections and .5 additional hours of administrative time.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST (PERMITS):

Personnel Services- Direct	\$71,136
Operating Costs- Allocated	\$18,605
Capital Costs	\$3,283
Indirect Costs	\$16,416

TOTAL:	\$109,440
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PERMITS:	160
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AVG. COST/PERMIT:	\$684
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CURRENT FEE:

Stormwater Permit:	
Level 1	\$480
Level 2	\$560
Level 3	\$760
Annual Inspection	None

REQUESTED FEE:

Stormwater Permit:	
Level 1	\$600
Level 2	\$680
Level 3	\$880
Annual Inspection	\$120

Revenue Gain	\$15,000
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DEPARTMENT: Water Resources Fund

SERVICE NAME: Consumption Rate Fees

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Consumption rate fees have not changed since 2001. The department has not kept up with inflation and material cost increases. Consumption growth has been minimal, and a rate increase is required to meet revenue bond covenants. The 4% increase will also allow growth of the department to meet the customer service demands of the water system customers.

	CURRENT FEE	REQUESTED FEE
4% Rate Increase:		
Residential Charges	\$3.32/CCF	\$3.45/CCF
Commercial Charges (1 – 999 CCF)	\$2.77/CCF	\$2.88/CCF
Commercial Above 1,000 CCF Monthly	\$1.24/CCF	\$1.29/CCF
Multi-Family Charges	\$2.71/CCF	\$2.82/CCF
Wholesale Customers	\$0.81/CCF	\$0.84/CCF
Revenue Gain from 4% Rate Increase		\$1,260,000
